

Abstract

5 The present invention provides a flexible and extensible execution control system for
distributed computer systems including multiple nodes interconnected through a
network. Distributed computer systems that include an execution control system
consistent with the present invention can be used for more types of applications than
systems using prior art. The applications running on a distributed computer system
that includes an execution control system consistent with the present invention can
10 achieve better protection from hardware and software failures than systems using
prior art systems and methods.